

First Regional Conference on Bullying

Sponsored by Student Assistance Services Corp., Southern Westchester BOCES, Westchester District Attorney's Office

Bullying Prevention: *Good Intentions Are Not Enough*

Cutting Edge Information on Research-Based Practices in Bullying Prevention

February 2, 2011 (Snow date, February 3) 8:30am – 3:00 pm

Abigail Kirsch, Tappan Hill, Tarrytown, NY

Recent media attention and a new NYS law has heightened awareness for schools to employ state of the art strategies to prevent reduce and intervene when bullying occurs. This conference will provide school administrators, pupil personnel staff, youth serving and law enforcement professionals, and parents with the most up-to-date information and practical strategies. Effective bullying prevention necessitates schools, parents, and communities working together to utilize research-based strategies to enhance existing bullying prevention efforts.



8:30 – 9:00 Coffee and Registration

9:00 – 9:15 New York State's Bullying Prevention Law and Efforts: *Kim McLaughlin*, MS Ed, CAS, CHES, NYS Coordinator for the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program, LeRoy, NY

9:15 – 10:30 Bullying Prevention: Myths, Misconceptions, & School Based Strategies
Jane Riese, LSW: Director of Training for the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program (OBPP); Research Associate with Clemson University's Family and Neighborhood Life:
Co-author *The OBPP Trainer's Manual*, *The OBPP School wide Guide* and *Teacher Guide*, *Class Meetings that Matter* Grades 6-8, and Grades K-5

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee Break

10:45 – 11:30 When Bullying Becomes a Crime: *Janet DiFiore*, Westchester County District Attorney

11:30 – 12:30 Principal's Panel: *Yigal Joseph*, Columbus Elem. School, New Rochelle; *Linda Grimm*, Mildred Strang MS, Yorktown; and *Andrew Selesnick*, Horace Greeley HS, Chappaqua

12:30 – 1:30 Light Lunch

1:30 - 3:00 Workshops:

1. **Developing Policies Consistent with the New NYS Bullying Prevention Law –**
Isabelle Burke, MS, CHES, Southern Westchester BOCES
2. **Bullying Victimization & Traumatic Symptomatology –** Michele Laaksonen, MS, MA, Victims Assistance Services of WestCOP
3. **Recognizing & Responding to Risk of Suicide When Youth are Bullied –** Barbara Bernstein, Ph.D, MPH, Mental Health Association of Westchester; Co-Chair, NYS Suicide Intervention Skills Trainers Consortium
4. **Olweus 101 –** Jane Riese, LSW and Andrea Fallick, LCSW, Student Assistance Services Corp.
5. **Cyberbullying –** Susan Brownbill Vega, Westchester County District Attorney's Office;
Cindie Walline, LMSW, Student Assistance Services Corp.

Note: No registration confirmation will be sent. No refunds will be made after January 28th.

Registration Fee \$40 incl. coffee and light lunch

Make check payable & mail registration to: **Student Assistance Services Foundation**,
660 White Plains Rd., Tarrytown, NY 10591 - For information & brochure call (914) 332-1300

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